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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Cook

(Coauthors: Assembly Members *Anderson, Benoit, Berryhill, De Leon, DeVore, Emmerson, Garrick, Horton, Huff, Jeffries, Krekorian, Maze, Sharon Runner, Ruskin, Silva, Solorio, Spitzer, and Strickland* *Strickland, and Tran*)

(Coauthors: Senators Battin and Harman)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to the Deputy Greg A. Gariepy Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 20, as amended, Cook. Deputy Greg A. ~~Gariepy~~ *Gariepy* Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 247 between State Highway Route 62 and the town limit of Yucca Valley, in the County of San Bernardino, as the “Deputy Greg A. Gariepy Memorial Highway.” The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs so designating that portion of State Highway Route 247; and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy was born on July 2, 1965, in the
- 2 United States Army Hospital in Wurzburg, Germany, where his
- 3 father was stationed with the Army; and

1 WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy was a man of high integrity and
2 devotion, whose life of dedication and sacrifice began at a young
3 age; and

4 WHEREAS, On August 29, 1983, Greg A. Gariepy joined the
5 Marine Corps, embarking on a 20-year career that included such
6 assignments as drill instructor, sniper, and antiterrorism expert,
7 and during which he attained the rank of E7, Gunnery Sergeant,
8 and was awarded 24 medals, commendations, and ribbons; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps on
10 September 30, 2003, Greg A. Gariepy chose to serve his
11 community by joining the San Bernardino County Sheriff's
12 Department, and he graduated from the academy with class No.
13 153 in December 2003; and

14 WHEREAS, During his career with the San Bernardino County
15 Sheriff's Department, Greg A. Gariepy worked at the West Valley
16 Detention Center, the Morongo Basin Station, and, finally, the
17 Twenty-nine Palms station; and

18 WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy loved the outdoors, loved a good
19 round of golf, and loved coaching softball — in coaching his girls'
20 softball team he was tough, inspired teamwork, and gave the team
21 members a shoulder to lean on and a laugh when needed; and

22 WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy had a passion for helping others
23 and, on June 22, 2005, while on patrol and en route to assist a
24 fellow deputy, he was involved in a fatal traffic accident in the
25 town of Yucca Valley; and

26 WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy is survived by his wife, Mishelle,
27 and his three children, Brett, Annette, and Brooke; and

28 WHEREAS, Greg A. Gariepy is remembered by his colleagues
29 in the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department as a "warrior"
30 who led by example, who was not afraid to volunteer for the most
31 difficult of duties, and who was a humble leader who understood
32 that true leadership is characterized by action, not position; and

33 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a portion of State Highway
34 Route 247 be dedicated in honor of Deputy Greg A. Gariepy, a
35 brave man who served our country and protected us and who was
36 a selfless and self-sacrificing hero; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby dedicates that
39 portion of State Highway Route 247 between State Highway Route
40 62 and the town limit of Yucca Valley, in the County of San

Bernardino, in honor of Greg A. Gariepy by officially designating that route as the Deputy Greg A. Gariepy Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate ~~plaques and markers~~ signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, ~~and~~ and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

CORRECTIONS:

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